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2. ASSERTION THAT MANY CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS
ARE WILLING TO STAY IN NORTH VIETNAM AND MAY BE USED
TO TRAIN NORTH VIETNAMESE PILOTS

1. NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT

2. ON 27 APRIL 1966 [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT UP TO 26 APRIL 997 AMERICAN
PLANES HAD BEEN DOWNED IN NORTH VIETNAM AND THAT THE THOUSANDTH PLANE
MIGHT BE DOWNED IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES
WAS FACING A SHORTAGE OF JET FIGHTER PILOTS, WHOSE TRAINING TAKES MORE
THAN FIVE YEARS AND LARGE EXPENDITURES. HE FURTHER SAID THAT OUT OF THE
MORE THAN 200 AMERICAN PILOTS CAPTURED MANY HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO
REMAIN IN NORTH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE

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UTILIZED FOR TRAINING NORTH VIETNAMESE PILOTS. WHEN ASKED WHAT
GUARANTEE THERE WOULD BE THAT THE AMERICAN PILOTS WOULD NOT GO
AWAY WITH THE AIRCRAFT WHILE ON TRAINING MISSIONS, [REDACTED] REPLIED
THAT THEIR WIVES MIGHT BE INDUCED TO COME TO NORTH VIETNAM TO VISIT
THEM AND SERVE AS A GUARANTEE FOR THE GOOD CONDUCT OF THE PILOTS.

3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]